

Rumbolt, Annette

From: Rumbolt, Annette
Sent: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 9:51 AM
To: Hawkins, Laurie
Subject: Re: Lobster Traps - 14B

Jason, can you check with Maritimes Region to see what they are doing?

I'm concerned about the ropes wrt NARW measures.

Laurie can we get a picture of this trap?

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

----- Original message -----

From: "Hawkins, Laurie" <Laurie.Hawkins@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>
Date: 2018-11-07 8:58 AM (GMT-03:30)
To: "Simms, Jason" <Jason.Simms@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>, "Henri, Martin" <Martin.Henri@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>
Cc: "Rumbolt, Annette" <Annette.Rumbolt@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>
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FYI, I spoke with Boyd Reid (C&P) and he and I both feel this is not the departments place to implement a minimum # of traps on a fleet of gear. If he wishes to bring it the harvesters in that area and bring something back to the department that is agreeable we could look at then??

Thoughts?

From: Hawkins, Laurie
Sent: November-06-18 10:41 AM
To: Simms, Jason; Henri, Martin
Cc: Rumbolt, Annette
Subject: FW: Lobster Traps - 14B

Will require some discussion for sure

From: Jason Spingle [mailto:JSpingle@ffaw.net]
Sent: November-05-18 9:28 AM
To: Hawkins, Laurie
Cc: Monty Way
Subject: Lobster Traps - 14B

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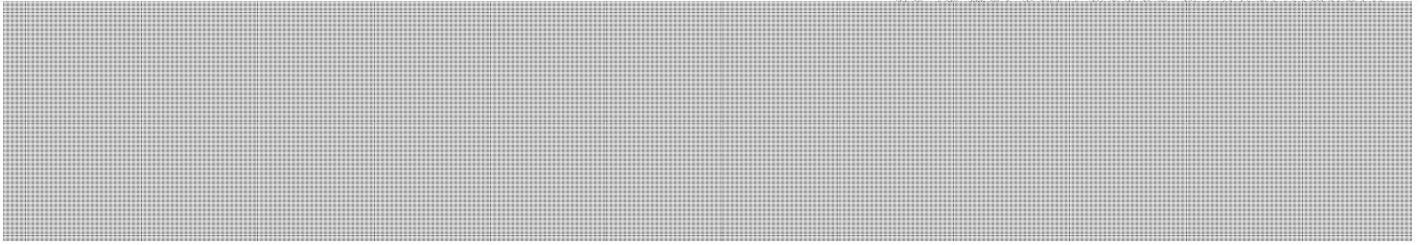
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Jason, please contact your counterpart in the Maritimes Region to see what COL they have in place? After we get information from Maritimes Region, let's have a call and please include Jackie, Patricia, Martin, Brent and Melissa.

As per 22(1) of the FGR we can bring in COL for many reasons (listed below). Does (h) fit this request?

- **22 (1)** For the proper management and control of fisheries and the conservation and protection of fish, the Minister may specify in a licence any condition that is not inconsistent with these Regulations or any of the Regulations listed in subsection 3(4) and in particular, but not restricting the generality of the foregoing, may specify conditions respecting any of the following matters:
 - (a) the species of fish and quantities thereof that are permitted to be taken or transported;
 - (b) the age, sex, stage of development or size of fish that are permitted to be taken or transported;
 - (c) the waters in which fishing is permitted to be carried out;
 - (d) the location from which and to which fish is permitted to be transported;
 - (e) the vessel from which and to which fish is permitted to be transhipped;
 - (f) the period during which fishing or transporting fish is permitted to be carried out;
 - (g) the vessel that is permitted to be used and the persons who are permitted to operate it;
 - (h) the type, size and quantity of fishing gear and equipment that is permitted to be used and the manner in which it is permitted to be used;
 - (i) the specific location at which fishing gear is permitted to be set;
 - (j) the distance to be maintained between fishing gear;
 - (k) information that the holder of the licence shall report to the Department prior to commencement of a fishing trip with respect to where and when fishing will be carried out, including the method by which, the times at which and the person to whom the report is to be made;
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 - (m) the location and times at which landing of fish from the vessel is permitted;
 - (n) verification by an observer of the weight and species of any fish caught and retained;
 - (o) the method permitted for landing of fish from the vessel and the method by which the weight of the fish is to be determined;
 - (p) records that the master of the vessel shall keep of any fishing activity carried out under the licence or of the sale or transporting of fish caught under the licence, including the manner and form in which the records are to be kept, the times at which and the person to whom the records are to be produced and the period for which the records are to be retained;
 - (q) the type, size and colour of containers to hold or transport fish and the marking of such containers for identification of the source of the fish;
 - (r) the marking or tagging of fish for identification of the source of the fish;
 - (s) the segregation of fish by species on board the vessel;
 - (t) the time within which findings and data obtained as a result of fishing for an experimental or scientific purpose are to be forwarded to the Minister;
 - (u) the manner in which fish caught for an educational or public display purpose are to be held and transported;
 - (v) the species and quantities of fish that may be released or transferred under a licence issued under Part VIII;
 - (w) the period during which the release or transfer of fish is to be carried out under a licence issued under Part VIII;

- (x) the waters or fish rearing facility into which the fish are to be released or transferred under a licence issued under Part VIII;
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- (z) the method and manner of transporting the fish to be released or transferred under a licence issued under Part VIII; and
- (z.1) the method of disposing of any water, container or other material used in the transporting of fish under a licence issued under Part VIII.

Annette

From: Hawkins, Laurie <Laurie.Hawkins@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 8:52 AM
To: Simms, Jason <Jason.Simms@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>
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Do we need a call?

From: Simms, Jason
Sent: December-06-18 8:48 AM
To: Hawkins, Laurie
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Laurie,
If DFO doesn't support the change he won't bother with the meeting/vote.

Jason

From: Hawkins, Laurie
Sent: December-05-18 3:23 PM
To: Simms, Jason
Cc: Rumbolt, Annette; Kean, Jackie
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What response is he looking for? If vote suggests a min number of pots on a line then we would implement??? I would suggest we could be challenged on this from a safety perspective.. Call me if you have a minute

From: Simms, Jason
Sent: December-05-18 3:15 PM
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Cc: Rumbolt, Annette; Kean, Jackie
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Laurie,
I just got off the phone with Jason Spingle.

He would like a response from DFO before he will proceed with a meeting + vote.

I agree we need to think about NARW. On face value, his suggestion would indicate less buoys, rope etc in the water.

Jason

From: Hawkins, Laurie
Sent: November-28-18 1:13 PM
To: Simms, Jason
Subject: RE: Lobster Traps - 14B

IMO, this is something he may take to fleet for recommendation. From a safety perspective can we make harvesters fish a min. amount of gear... Annette mentioned it could have implication on NARW (in terms of amount of line/buoys this way of fishing may create...

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Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 11:12 AM
To: Simms, Jason <Jason.Simms@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>; Henri, Martin <Martin.Henri@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>; Rumbolt, Annette <Annette.Rumbolt@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>
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Further to this, John and I met with Jerome Ward (NOFTA rep) and advised the harvesters in St. John 's Bay feel if the single pots are permitted it will destroy the fishery (too much pressure)

From: Simms, Jason
Sent: December-17-18 11:01 AM
To: Henri, Martin; Rumbolt, Annette; Hawkins, Laurie
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Jason Spingle called this am....I told him we are gathering info and are planning an internal discussion before we respond to his request. He seemed happy with that.

Jason

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Reiterating that it's the number of traps on a line that is the issue.

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We will advise the FFAW that we are open to the concept of stringing multiple traps together.

Annette

From: Henri, Martin <Martin.Henri@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2018 11:55 AM
To: Hawkins, Laurie <Laurie.Hawkins@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>; Rumbolt, Annette <Annette.Rumbolt@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>
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Hi Laurie,

Do we want to put something to the effect of if it's implemented, it would be as a pilot project for 2 or 3 years in that LFA?

On a related note, I wanted to share the email I got from Josiane Massiera from the Gulf region. We talked about it briefly at the meeting but I just got off the phone with her and I have more info. Here is a highlight of measures in place over there:

- Harvesters in various LFA's have been the ones deciding the minimum amount per trap allowed in their respective areas. That's why the numbers vary a lot: from 0 to 6, even for areas right next to one another. There is subjectivity there in determining what should be the right number.
- DFO Gulf has been trying to reduce the amount of lines in water due to significant issue they've been having with marine mammals. Putting a minimum amount of lines per trap helps in this matter but they have yet to force areas like LFA 25 to follow suit with other areas and set a minimum. Instead, they have stopped allowing the use of floating lines since the beginning of the 2018, a measure that was resisted by harvesters, but ultimately they (reluctantly) accepted it.
- The minimum number per LFA are is specified in the COL (in attachment).
- Unlike the QC region, there is nothing in the Gulf COL that talks amount minimum distance between lines .
- In terms of enforcement issues with having a minimum amount of traps per line, she hasn't heard of any grumblings from C&P.

Talk soon.
Martin H

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Please review, welcome to any/all suggestions!

Jason,

The department has reviewed the issue you have brought to our attention regarding the fishing of single lobster traps in LFA 14. There are instances in other regions where type, size and quantity of gear have been implemented for a variety of reason, such as conservation, effort reduction, etc.

Should you wish to conduct a vote with the harvesters in the impacted area, the department would be willing to review any recommendations you bring forth.

I will advise there will very likely be conditions (i.e. max fathom of rope) brought in should this be agreed to by the fleet. As well, enforcement of any measure to direct number of traps on a string for example, may be difficult.

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Thanks very much!-

Also, please advise on the number of licenses (letters) we will require. I'm assuming that printing of the address labels doesn't take too long.

Jason

From: Henri, Martin <Martin.Henri@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>
Sent: January 16, 2019 11:40 AM
To: Jason Spingle <JSpingle@ffaw.net>
Cc: Hawkins, Laurie <Laurie.Hawkins@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Lobster traps 14

Good morning Jason,

Here are examples of limits that are in place from various LFA's outside of NL.

Region	LFA	Maximum # of traps	Minimum # of traps per line*	Distance between each trap on the same line
Gulf	23A	300	n/a	
	23B	300	n/a	
	23C	300	3 traps	
	23D	300	3 traps	
	241	300	6 traps per line	
	25	240- PEI	n/a	
		250- NB		
		225- NS		
	26A-1	280 NS	Portion of 26A1 NS = 5 traps	
		272 PEI	Portion of 26A1 PEI = 6 traps	
	26A-2	255 & 275	6 traps	
	26A-3	250	2 traps	
	26B south/	250	n/a	

	26B north	250	5 traps	
QC	19	Unknown	6 traps per line	Max 12 fathoms betw
	20	Unknown	6 traps per line	Max 12 fathoms betw
	21	Unknown	6 traps per line	Max 12 fathoms betw
	22	Unknown	7 traps	Max 8 fathoms between t

As we all know, no such provisions exist in NL. In the Maritimes region, they are working on a pilot project for LFA 38 at the moment but nothing has been set. However, we do have examples in Gulf and QC. It varies greatly by LFA and there are cases where it even varies by province within a certain LFA. While the focus in the DFO Gulf region has been on reducing the amount of lines in the water in order to reduce the risk of interaction with marine mammals, DFO QC Region has implemented both minimum lines per trap AND maximum distance between traps several years ago. The best comparable in your case is with LFA 19-21 (Gaspé and Baie des Chaleurs regions).

Please don't hesitate if you have any other questions.

Martin Henri

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From: Jason Spingle <JSpingle@ffaw.net>
Sent: January 16, 2019 9:20 AM
To: Hawkins, Laurie <Laurie.Hawkins@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>
Cc: Henri, Martin <Martin.Henri@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>
Subject: Re: Lobster traps 14

Morning,

Following a well attended meeting from harvesters throughout the region on Monday there was a clear mandate to proceed with a formal vote noting the change would be to have a 'minimum of 5 traps on a line and a maximum distance of 15 fathoms between traps'. We are preparing a draft of the ballot noting will forward for your review today or tomorrow; we're hoping to deliver stamped envelopes to be addressed & mailed on Friday.

In the meantime, on your note below, "There are instances in other regions where type, size and quantity of gear have been implemented for a variety of reason" could you please provide any specific / details.

Jason

On Dec 27, 2018, at 11:24 AM, Hawkins, Laurie <Laurie.Hawkins@dfo-mpo.gc.ca> wrote:

Merry Christmas!

From: Jason Spingle [<mailto:JSpingle@ffaw.net>]
Sent: December-27-18 11:06 AM
To: Hawkins, Laurie
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Subject: Re: Lobster traps 14

First, Merry Christmas 🎄!

Thank you noting I will look to have a Meeting very early in the new year (looking at January 3rd) and will advise immediately with my guess that harvesters will want a vote.

Jason

On Dec 27, 2018, at 9:08 AM, Hawkins, Laurie <Laurie.Hawkins@dfo-mpo.gc.ca> wrote:

Jason,

The department has reviewed the issue you have brought to our attention regarding the fishing of single lobster traps in LFA 14. There are instances in other regions where type, size and quantity of gear have been implemented for a variety of reason, such as conservation, effort reduction, etc.

Should you wish to conduct a vote with the harvesters in the impacted area, the department would be willing to review any recommendations you bring forth. We would likely consider any changes under a 2 – 3 year pilot project.

I will advise there will very likely be conditions (i.e. max fathom of rope) brought in should this be agreed to by the fleet. As well, enforcement of any measure to direct number of traps on a string for example, may be difficult.

Please call if you wish to discuss.

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